Resignation of Khanna Rail Accident Enquiry Commission's Counsel

2839. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Commission of Enquiry looking in to the Khanna rail accident is likely to submit its report;

(b) whether it is a fact that the counsel of the Commission has tendered his resignation; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the resignation has been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The Commission has been requested to expedite the submission of its Final Report on Khanna accident.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is correct that the Counsel of the Commission has tendered his resignation. Correspondence of counsel has been with the commission only but apparently he is not interested in continuing.

(c) Yes, Sir. His resignation has been accepted by the Chairman of the Commission.

Hawkers and Beggars in Trains

2840. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai High Court has directed the railway authorities to ensure that beggars and hawkers do not enter trains, without holding valid tickets or licence;

(b) if so, the steps taken to regulate hawking in trains which cause nuisance to commuters; and

(c) the action taken to disallow beggars in trains and at railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF